



Service Area Determinations for Wilmington District

- Based on the 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC)
- Modified for mitigation banks on a case-by-case basis
- Modifiers may include:
 - Size of HUC
 - Ecoregion (e.g., mountain, piedmont, coastal site)
 - Demand within HUC
 - Other site-specific factors (e.g., size of site, type of mitigation credits offered, endangered species consideration, etc.)

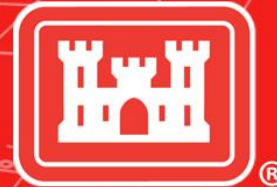


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- Use of any mitigation bank may always be approved on a case-by-case basis, regardless of whether the impact is located in the bank's service area. This is written into all mitigation bank instruments:

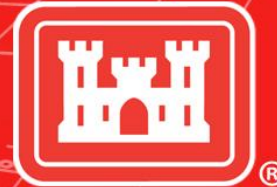
“Use of a Bank site to compensate for impacts beyond the GSA may be considered by the Corps or the permitting agency on a case-by-case basis.”

- All decisions regarding mitigation are ultimately made at the time a permit decision is made.



Service Area Determinations for Neighboring Districts

- Typically based on the 8-digit HUC
- Modified on a case-by-case basis, considering similar factors to those used in North Carolina
- May include the use of secondary service areas



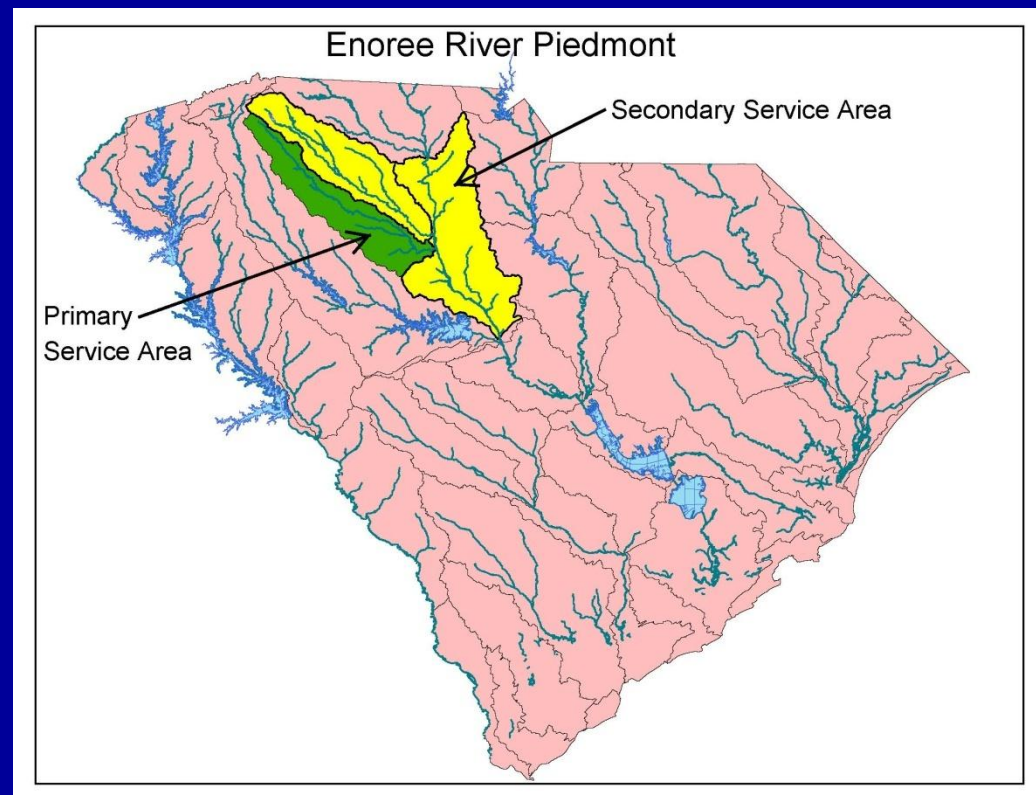
Service Area Determinations in Norfolk District (Virginia)

- VA state law (from 1996) defines service area as adjoining 8-digit HUCs in the same river basin
- Corps modified it to restrict the service area to the same physiographic province in that river basin
- Service areas range in size from portions of two 8-digit HUCs (restricted by state boundaries) to as much as portions of four 8-digit HUCs



Service Area Determinations in Charleston District (South Carolina)

Example – Enoree River Piedmont Service Area





Service Area Determinations in Savannah District (Georgia), Nashville District (Tennessee), and Jacksonville District (Florida)

- Primary service areas are generally based on the 8-digit HUC and ecoregion
- May extend to multiple 8-digit HUC where demand is low
- Some have secondary service areas, typically comprised of adjacent 8-digit HUCs



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